

**In the Specification**

*Page 10, fourth complete paragraph, please amend to remove the underlining as follows:*

If the shared upstream is time division multiple access (TDMA) only and no DOCSIS 2.0 Synchronous Code Division Multiple Access (SCDMA) bursts are allowed, then the only requirements on the downstreams are as follows. In the claims, the downstreams which have these characteristics and which share an upstream are referred to as coordinated downstreams.